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1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At its organizational session in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and they would be elected for two-year terms.[1] At the beginning of the nineteenth session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve in their respective capacities during 1997 and 1998.

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3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the outgoing Bureau.

4. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

5. Statement by the Assistant Secretary-General

The Assistant Secretary-General will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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6. General debate and consideration of substantive questions[2]

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following report:

Report of the Secretary-General containing observations and suggestions by Member States on ways and means of furthering the development of communications infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries.

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communication order

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following reports:

Report of the Secretary-General on the publications and proposals for publications of the Department of Public Information

Report of the Secretary-General on the existing publications produced and disseminated by the Department of Public Information in the sphere of development

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres

Report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the United Nations information centres

Report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the functioning of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library

Address by the Assistant Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the work of the Department of Public Information pertaining to the agenda items under consideration

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following report:

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 1996 (resolution 46/73 B).

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7. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at is fifty-second session

Notes

[1] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/35/21), para. 8 (a).

[2] The wording of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979.